




Vaccines for children

Healthy Kansans Living in Safe and Sustainable Environments



KANSAS IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM (KIP) VFC ELIGIBILITY

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HISTORY



VFC Program Eligibility Has Remained the Same
Since Program's Inception in 1992



Which Children Are VFC Eligible?

- Covered by Medicaid, including HealthWave
- Uninsured (no insurance coverage)
- American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN): as defined by Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603)
- Underinsured: Has Commercial health insurance but
 - coverage does not include vaccines
 - only covers selected vaccines
 - insurance caps vaccine coverage at certain amount
 - insurance coverage must be exhausted
 - only eligible in Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC)



VFC Eligibility Determination

- Must screen for and document VFC eligibility at each immunization visit
- Document VFC eligibility by:
 - Copy Insurance Identification Card
 - Check Insurance company web site (i.e. KMAP)
 - Underinsured: Document conversations (date, person spoke to, coverage amounts on copy of the ID card or other permanent part of record
 - Ask parent to bring copy of summary of claims processed or coverage statement if Underinsured



VFC Eligibility

1. Dual Coverage: VFC Eligible
 1. Medicaid and Commercial Insurance
 2. AI/AN and Commercial Insurance
 3. Select Medicaid or AI/AN and use VFC vaccine
2. Underinsured
 1. Commercial coverage capped at \$300.00 or excludes vaccines after 6 years of age
 - a. Select Fully Insured until \$300 spent or vaccine is for 6+ year old
 - b. Select VFC once documentation of insurance coverage has been spent



Not VFC Eligible

Children whose health insurance covers the cost of vaccinations are not eligible for VFC even when the claim for the cost of the vaccines would be denied because the plan's deductible has not been met.



Children's Health Insurance Program

CHIP or Title XX1 (21)

1. Expanded health insurance coverage for uninsured children
2. Title 21 children are not VFC-eligible
3. Vaccine is provided through State CHIP funding
4. Title 21 is also HealthWave 21
5. Documentation of HealthWave 21 or HealthWave 19 is necessary



Provider Documentation of Eligibility

1. Copy of child's insurance ID card
2. Note on card copy at each visit- "coverage is same with date"
3. Parent supplied copy of summary of benefits, if underinsured
4. Documentation of conversation with insurance company about vaccine benefits
5. Provider remittance advices
6. Copy of benefit verification from insurance company web site (i.e., KMAP)



Why VFC Eligibility is Important

Immunization Programs are required to document they have verified any child who receives VFC vaccine was eligible.

CDC is under intense scrutiny to assure that VFC dollars are spent only for VFC eligible children.

Kansas Immunization Program VFC Grant requires we screen and document providers are compliant.

